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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: *GIBBS, Bruce W.*)
Serial No. *to be assigned*)
Filed: *herewith*)
Title of Invention:)
Extracorporeal Blood Processing Methods and)
Apparatus)

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir,
Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment for the above identified Application, filed simultaneously herewith:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

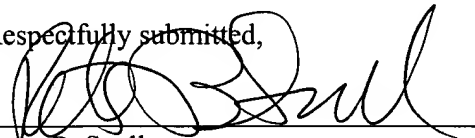
On page 1, as the first sentence after the title, please insert the following:

1 This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/157,360 filed October 1, 1999.

REMARKS

It is believed that this Amendment places the application in better condition for examination and therefore its entry is appropriate.

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Dated

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